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By the King.

A Proclamation concerning Assart lands.

WHereas by our Proclamation giuen at our Pallace of Westminster the xvii. day of Febzuary, in the second yeere of our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland, Wee did publish and make it knowen to our louing Subiects, that foz their Common good and quiet, and foz auoyding of chargeable and tedious Sutes, we had by our Commission vnder the great Seale of England, giuen full power and authozitie vnto certaine Commissioners in the said Commission mentioned, foz Us, and in our name to bargaine, sell and conclude foz diuers our Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments called Assarts, Wasts oz Purpzestures, which are oz were within the limits of some of our Fozests, to and with any person oz persons, and their heires in Fee-ferme, oz other estate of inheritance, with a discharge of the meane pzofits, as by our said Pzoclamation may moze at large appeare: whereupon we doubted not but our loning Subiects whom it did concerne, and who haue bene long in possession of the said Lands at very low Rates, would haue taken care in time to haue pzouided foz their owne pzofit, safetie and peace therein. And neuertheleſſe wee are of late enfozmed, that hitherto very fewe of them haue appeared befoze our said Commissioners to compound oz conclude foz any of our said Messuages, Lands, Tenements oz Hereditaments, as was expected, pzesuming (as it seemeth) that they may take their owne times and leasure foz it, and in the meane time some others neuer possessed of the said Messuages, Lands, Tenements oz Hereditaments, haue in their default offred to compound and conclude with vs foz the same. Wherein our desire is, that the long and ancient possessoz̄s of the said Lands, should herein be pzeferred befoze all others.

These are therefoze to signifie our further pleasure, That all such as be possessed of any the said Messuages, Lands, Tenements oz Hereditaments, and doe purpose oz thinke good foz their owne pzofit, safetie and quiet, to compound oz conclude with our said Commissioners foz any the said Messuages, Lands, Tenements oz Hereditaments called Assarts, Wasts, oz Purpzestures, which are oz were within the limits of any of our Fozests oz Chases, shall come in and attend our said Commissioners concerning the same, betwixt this and the first of October, now next ensuing, otherwise in their default we will dispose thereof to others as we shall see cause.

Giuen at our Mannour of East-Greenwich the xij. day of May, in the third yeere of our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God saue the King.

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